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RADICAL PALESTINIAN LEADER GEORGE HABASH SATURDAY PREDICTED EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT WOULD BE ASSASSINATED BECAUSE OF HIS TRIP TO ISRAEL AND VOWED A 20-YEAR VIETNAM-TYPE WAR AGAINST ISRAEL.

IN CAIRO, GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID SADAT EXPECTED ISRAEL TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM THE SINAI AND OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND HAD ORDERED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DRAW UP A "WORKING PAPER" FOR SUCH A WITHDRAWL.

HABASH, LEADER OF THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW IN TRIPOLI, "SADAT IS FINISHED OUTSIDE EGYPT AND HIS DAYS WITHIN THE COUNTRY ARE NUMBERED. IT IS SO CLEAR THAT HE IS A TRAITOR. SO WERE ABDULLAH, FAISAL AND NURI SAID."

JORDAN'S KING ABDULLAH WAS ASSASSINATED IN 1951 AT THE AL-AKSA MOSQUE IN JERUSALEM, WHERE SADAT PRAYED DURING HIS VISIT LAST MONTH, BY PALESTINIANS WHO THOUGHT THE MONARCH WAS PLANNING TO MAKE A DEAL WITH ISRAEL. KING FAISAL II AND PREMIER NURI SAID OF IRAQ WERE KILLED WHEN THE IRAQI MONARCHY WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1958.

HABASH, WHO IS ATTENDING THE "ANTI-SADAT" CONFERENCE CALLED BY LIBYA'S COL. MOAMMAAR KHADAFY, COUPLED HIS COMMENTS ABOUT SADAT WITH A WARNING THAT IN COMING MONTHS RADICAL PALESTINIANS WOULD STEP UP A GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN INSIDE ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.

"THEY WILL POUR ACROSS ALL THE BORDERS -- THE SYRIAN, LEBANESE AND JORDANIAN BORDERS. THEY WILL STRIKE IN JERUSALEM AND IN HAIFA," HABASH SAID.

HOWEVER, SYRIA'S PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD HAS REJECTED THE HARD-LINERS' DEMANDS FOR OPEN BORDERS FOR GUERRILLA OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL AND AN ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC BOYCOTT OF EGYPT.

LONGSTANDING RIVALRIES BETWEEN HABASH AND PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT AND BETWEEN SYRIA AND IRAQ HAVE PREVENTED ANY CONCERTED ACTION AGAINST SADAT.

"YOU CANNOT FIX LONG-STANDING QUARRELS ... BUT PERHAPS SOME PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN THE TALKS HERE," HABASH SAID IN A GLOOMY ASSESSMENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

"I HAVE NO GOOD NEWS FOR THE PALESTINIANS FOR THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS, AND PERHAPS THERE WILL BE MORE CATASTROPHES FOR US. BUT OVER 20 YEARS THINGS COULD CHANGE. WE MUST FIGHT ON. AFTER ALL, THE AMERICANS WERE DEFEATED IN VIETNAM."

THE EGYPTIAN SOURCES IN CAIRO SAID THAT SADAT HAD DIRCTED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DRAW UP AN "OVERALL WORKING PAPER" CALLING FOR A COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED LANDS AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

"BUT DON'T EXPECT ANY BOMBSHELLS," ONE GOVERNMENT SOURCE SAID.

HE SAID EGYPT WAS SEEKING "POINTS OF AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES ... AN APPROVAL OF TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES -- THAT OF WITHDRAWAL (FROM OCCUPIED LANDS) AND OF A PALESTINIAN SOLUTION."

HE SAID HE EXPECTED THIS TO PROVE SUCCESSFUL, DESPITE REPEATED ISRAELI REJECTION OF ARAB DEMANDS FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL AND FOR CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

"WE EXPECT A CERTAIN INCREASE IN ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY," THE SOURCE SAID. "I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER THING THEY CAN DO."

THE GOVERNMENT SOURCE SAID SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL, TALKS WITH LEADERS THERE AND THE CALL FOR A PRE-GENEVA PEACE PARLEY IN CAIRO HAD IN EFFECT "PUT THE BALL IN ISRAEL'S COURT NOW. WE EXPECT SOME RESPONSE."

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